(b) 1. M/s. B. L. Agarwala & Sons Pvt. Limited, Bombay.

2. Nirmal Agarwal, Dhanbad.

3. Industries & Commerce Association, Dhanbad.

4. M/s. RPG Industries Limited, New Delhi.

5. Sekhar Iron Works Private Limited. have evinced interest in setting up of coal washeries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of coal

1489. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of coal during 1991-92 in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited production and profits have gone up during the period; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): The production of coal in the country during 1991-92 was 229.29 million tonnes (prov.).

(b) and (c) Coal production of Coal India Limited during 1991-92 was 204.15 million tonnes (prov.) compared to 189.4 million tonnes during the year 1990-91, registering a growth of 7.65 per cent. Since the accounts for the year 1991-92 have not been finalised, the figure of profit earned by Coal India Limited is not available.

Difficulties caused by Cash and Carry Scheme

1490. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cash and Carry Scheme announced by Coal India Ltd. has put small consumers into difficulties and consequently the coal supply is also not available adequately to the foundries in India;

(b) whether Government have amended Coal Control Order recently to protect the interests of the ordinary consumers; and

(c) whether Government propose to remove the 'Cash and Carry' scheme in view of these difficulties.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) Coal India Limited have introduced the system of advance payments towards sale of coal better known as "Cash and Carry" system w.e.f. 1-10-91. This system has been made applicable only to the power sector. With regard to the small cosumers, CIL are following the existing system. There is no proposal to remove the "Cash and Carry" system applicable to power sector.

Ministry of Coal have recently issued three orders/notifications connected with the Colliery Control Order. These changes are expected to curb the tendency by certain consumers to divert the quota of coal allotted to them and thus improve the availability of coal to the genuine consumers.

Out-standing dues against State Electricity Boards

1491. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Electricity Boards owe a sum of Rs. 1809 crore to the Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the names of such State Electricity Boards alongwith the amount outstandings against each of them; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to realise the amount from State Electricity Boards?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) According to information furnished by Coal India Ltd. (CIL), various State Electricity Boards/Power Utilities owed a sum of Rs. 18.33.15 crores to CIL as on 1-6-1992. The details are as follows:

(In Rs. Crores)

Name of State Electricity Boards	Amount due
Bihar State Electricity Board	23.15
Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board	420 78
Orissa State Electricity Board	5.73
Punjab State Electricity Board	97.93
Tamilnadu Electricity Board	56.93
Haryana State Electricity Board	102.21
Rajasthan State Electricity Board	16.02
Maharashtra State Electricity Board	286.02
Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board	43 ·1
Gujarat Electricity Board	118 59
Andhra Pradesh Electricity Board	7·47
Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd.	23·70
Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking	37·67
West Bengal State Electricity Board	36.89
West Bengal Power Development Corpn.	48·54
Durgapur Project Ltd.	14.28
OTHER POWER UTILITIES	
Damodar Valley Corporation	257·92
Badarpur Thermal Power Station	108·56
National Thermal Power Corporation.	127·15
TOTAL	1833·15

(c) Steps taken to realise these outstanding dues are as under:—

(i) CIL have already introduced from 1-10-91, the system of linking current coal supplies to advance payments.

(ii) Earlier also, all power units commissioned after 1-4-89 were being supplied coal only against advance payments or aaginst revolving letters of credit.

(iii) State Governments have been requested to persuade/enable State Electricity Boards to clear their outstanding dues at the earliest.

(iv) Government of India had decided to adjust all undisputed coal sales outstandings as on 31-5-90 against the Central Assistance to State Plans payable to all the State Governments, whose SEBs and Power Utilities had defaulted, in four equal instalments, spread over four years. Each annual instalment for Coal India Ltd. would amount to approximately Rs. 273 crores. The first instalment was released to CIL in 1990-91. The second instalment due in 1991-92, has also been fully released.

Discrimination in promotion of S.C.Sr. Medical Officers

1492. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware that there is discrimination in the matter of promotion of Senior Medical Officers belonging to the Scheduled Castes employed in the Eastern Coalfields Limited and that they are not being given promotion;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of medical officers belonging to Scheduled Castes working in the Eastern Coalfields Limited;

(d) the number of them who have been promoted during the last two years; and

(c) by when the remaining persons are likely to be promoted?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Company, the allegation of discrimination is not correct.

(c) The number is 14.

(d) One Medical Officer was promoted.

(e) The remaining officers will be considered for promotion as soon as they become eligible, in accordance with the provision of the Common Coal Cadre.

Export of coal to SAARC countries

1493. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has taken any steps to promote export of coal to SAARC countries, and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any target for export of coal has been fixed during the year 1992-93, and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the plan to export coal will affect the supply of coal to the Thermal Power Plants in our country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Coal India Ltd have so far been exporting coal/coke to the neighbouring countries like Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan, who are members of SAARC, and traditional buyers of coal from India. It has also been planned to explore markets in Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

(b) It has been planned to export coal to the neighbouring countries to the extent of 4 lakh tonnes during 1992-93.